

IN THE CLAIMS:

In the claims, cancel claims 1-14, 18 and 19, 21-28 and 31.

Amend claim 32 as follows:

32. (Amended) A protective drywall joint strip device comprising:

an elongated, a relatively rigid core terminating in at least one longitudinal edge
and having an outer surface;

a relatively flexible cover bonded to said core and configured to project laterally
beyond said edge to form a flexile longitudinal flap; and

said flap including elongated lengthwise groove and ridge means spaced from said
edge and configured to form a plurality of lengthwise grooves and ridges to be anchored
in joint compound to anchor such strip device thereto or by such strip device may be
placed over a joint between a pair of drywall panels and joint compound thereover to be
received in said grooves to cooperate in anchoring said ribbing against shifting relative to
such joint material.